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SUBJECT: SWEDEN INITIATES TALKS WITH SOVIET UNION ON EXTENSION
OF FISHING LIMITS

REF: STOCKHOLM A-21

1. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH RADIO AND PRESS REPORTS, A SOVIET
DELEGATION CAME TO STOCKHOLM ON APRIL 18 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH
SWEDISH EXPERTS ON AN EXTENSION OF SWEDEN'S FISHING LIMITS.
AN EXTENSION OF SWEDEN'S FISHING LIMITS IN THE BALTIC SEA TO
MIDWAY BETWEEN SWEDEN, RECKONED FROM THE EAST COAST OF THE
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ISLAND OF GOTLAND, TO THE SOVIET MAINLAND HAS BEEN STRONGLY
OPPOSED BY THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH HOLDS THAT THE MEDIAN LINE
SHOULD BE MEASURED FROM THE SWEDISH MAINLAND.

2. THE SWEDISH DELEGATION IS HEADED BY HANS DANIELIUS,
HEAD OF THE LEGAL DIVISION OF THE SWEDISH MINISTRY FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SWEDISH DELE-

GATION INCLUDE BO JOHNSON, EXPERT ON INTERNATIONAL LAW AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY; LENNART HANNERTZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SWEDISH BOARD OF FISHERIES; CLAES SENNING AND TORE GUSTAVSSON OF THE SWEDISH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE; AND BERTIL JOHANSSON OF THE FEDERATION OF SWEDISH FISHERMEN.

3. THE SOVIET DELEGATION INCLUDES ROALD NOVOTJADOV, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN DIVISION OF THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO EXPERTS FROM HIS MINISTRY AND TWO OFFICIALS OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM.

4. IN VIEW OF THE UNBENDING SOVIET ATTITUDE TO THE MEDIAN-LINE PRINCIPLE, AS LAID DOWN IN ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF (TO WHICH THE SOVIET UNION IS ALSO A SIGNATORY), IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION ACCEPTABLE TO SWEDEN, AT LEAST NOT DURING THE CURRENT TALKS WHICH ARE TO LAST THROUGH THE PRESENT WEEK. SHOULD SWEDEN FAIL TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, SWEDEN COULD BE FACED WITH THE CHOICE OF HAVING TO MAKE A UNILATERAL DECISION ON AN EXTENSION OF ITS FISHING LIMITS IN THE BALTIC SEA. IN THAT EVENT, SWEDEN WOULD FACE THE DELICATE TASK OF ENFORCING THOSE LIMITS.

6. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1977, THE SWEDISH COAST GUARD HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN MAKING SYSTEMATIC OBSERVATIONS OF THE MOVEMENTS OF PRIMARILY SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN UNCLASSIFIED

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FISHING VESSELS OPERATING WITHIN THE PROPOSED SWEDISH FISHERIES LIMITS IN THE BALTIC SEA. BOTH THESE NATIONS ARE REPORTED TO BE VERY ACTIVE IN JUST THOSE PARTS OF THE BALTIC SEA WHICH ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EXTENDED SWEDISH FISHING ZONE. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS, SWEDEN STANDS FIRM IN DEMANDING THAT THE SOVIET UNION RESPECT THE MEDIAN-LINE PRINCIPLE ALSO WITH RESPECT TO THE BALTIC SEA.
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